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Montana urban planning problems are under study by Montana State University, MSU officials announced. The research is directed by Dr. Ellis L. Waldron, professor of political science, and is supported by an \$8,600 grant for 1961-62 from the Urban Research Program of the Upper Midwest Economic Study.

Dr. Waldron is conducting a survey of the urban planning experience of Montana communities. He is also attempting to evaluate the costs and advantages of consolidated planning for urban areas as compared to those for urban development in communities which lack an overall development plan.

He is cooperating on the project with Dr. John R. Borchert of the University of Minnesota and other members of the Upper Midwest Economic Study research staff and with the Twin Cities Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Dr. Waldron's research is part of the Upper Midwest Economic Study, which is directed at more rapid economic development of an area that includes Montana, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, northwestern Wisconsin and upper Michigan.

The broad regional study is sponsored jointly by the Upper Midwest Research and Development Council, representing business and industry in the region, and the University of Minnesota, Dr. Waldron said. It is supported by funds from the Ford Foundation and by business and private contributions.

Results of the MSU study will later be published by the UMES Urban Research Program and made available to municipalities and other interested parties.

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